

REASONS GIVEN FOR RATE BOOST

Utilities Commission Told of Proposed Plans to Better Wire Service.

EXPERTS CITE VIEWS

Merits of "Phantom Circuit" Are Explained by N. Y. Representative.

Proposed improvements in Washington telephone service were outlined at yesterday afternoon's session of the Public Utilities Commission's hearing on increased rates for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company.

District Commissioners Brownlow and Kutz, and the commission's secretary, Walter C. Allen, wrangled their brows perplexedly while T. P. Sylvan, vice president of the New York Telephone Company, delved into a mass of technicalities regarding the construction and use of the "phantom circuit," various types of cables and the telephone repeater which amplifies sound and has demonstrated its usefulness as an essential part of the wireless telephone.

A special type of cable used in Washington and other cities has resulted in an annual saving of \$130,000,000 to the Bell system. Washington has 1 per cent of all United States telephones, Sylvan said, and declared that \$130,000 was saved in this city annually by the use of the cable.

Savings Swallowed Up.

In response to a question by Commissioner Kutz, Sylvan explained that the savings were swallowed up by increased costs of materials and that the situation would be much worse if the cable were not installed.

G. W. Whittemore, valuation engineer of the New York Telephone Company, formerly connected with the local organization, showed the commission why the Chesapeake and Potomac Company must keep on hand a reserve fund.

Twenty per cent was given as the ratio of the company's funds reserved for depreciation. William McK. Clayton, representing the Federation of Citizens' Associations, at the close of the meeting proposed that the rate telephone service be abandoned as conducive to increased efficiency.

Report Favors Increase.

A report of the special committee on the proposed increase in rates reported favorably on the institution of higher rates in a letter to the association. The report was given to the commission during the hearing by Charles J. Columbus, secretary of the association.

The committee, in rendering its decision, said: "We have come to the conclusion that the rate of increase as proposed by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company is fair and reasonable and amply justified in the public interest."

Princess Mary of England as Seen In Latest Picture to Reach U. S.



An unusually fine snapshot of Princess Mary of England. It was taken recently at the concert held at the Central Hall, Westminster, England, on the occasion of the London Musical Competition Festival. She is awarding a prize to one of the young competitors.

G. W. U. WOMAN'S CLUB TO ELECT ON MAY 14

The Woman's University Club of George Washington University will elect officers on May 14. Nominations closed yesterday.

The Interfraternity Association of the university will hold its annual election at the Phi Sigma Kappa chapter house on May 23. Delegates composing the association's council will hold a banquet or dinner-dance the latter part of this month.

The junior class of Columbian College at the university will give a dance next Wednesday evening at the Hotel Lafayette. The committee in charge of arrangements is composed of George R. Sheriff, chairman; Miss Mary Roberts, Miss Rosemary Arnold, Miss Gladys Phoebe, Miss Ethel Johnson and Francis McKoy.

Polls will close tonight in the election of members of the university's student council.

SEVEN SENTENCED TO PENITENTIARY

Justice Gould in Criminal Court unceremoniously wound up the careers of three young but daring housebreakers yesterday by sending them to the penitentiary.

Two of them, Franklin H. Acton and Jennings Craven, were sent to the penitentiary for two and one-half years. The third, William G. Haas, got off with one and one-half years.

Meyer Snyderman, recently released from a Philadelphia penitentiary, was sentenced to serve three more years for the embezzlement of \$55.62 before his original sentence began.

Bernal E. Cole, who was out on probation, was sentenced to serve two and one-half years in the penitentiary for the theft of a string of beads.

Lamar Brown and William A. Green, both colored hold-up men, were sentenced to five years each for holding up Vincent Emmanuel November 17, 1919, and taking his money and jewelry.

ASK FOR CADETS AT DEDICATION

Board of Education Arranges for Exercises at Amphitheater.

Volunteer services of Washington high school cadets in the dedicatory exercises at the Arlington memorial amphitheater May 15 were asked by the Board of Education, in a meeting yesterday afternoon in the Franklin School.

John C. Bruce, acting superintendent of colored schools in the absence of Roscoe C. Bruce, who is out of the city, was a new attendant at the meeting.

Permission to use the following schoolhouses for entertainments given by pupils was granted: Monroe, Powell, Hubbard, Minor, Normal, Bryant and Business High.

The Washington Society of Fine Arts was given permission to hold lectures and other programs of educational value at Central high school. The society's course will begin in October and continue until next spring. A letter from the Park View Citizens' Association, declaring against an elected school board, was read.

The following changes in personnel were announced:

Appointments.
Teachers: Mrs. K. Y. Cowling, Mrs. E. A. Gleason, Miss J. R. Emory, Miss Mildred Markley, Miss M. A. Parrot, Mrs. A. P. Faber, Mrs. K. F. Cloyd, Mrs. V. S. Peters, Miss M. E. Reed, J. L. Talbert, C. G. Penton, Miss E. M. Rolston, C. A. Blume, Mrs. M. H. Tyrell, Miss Anna McFadden, Mrs. Rebecca Smith, A. L. Boland, W. W. Lewis, Clerk, W. N. Berkeley.

Terminations and Resignations.
Teachers: Mrs. C. A. Gibbs, L. S. Mann, S. P. Johnson, Miss Eula Lacaze, Miss Grace Vale, F. C. Johnson, Mrs. R. E. Martin. Clerks: M. S. Schwartz and Mrs. J. L. Marshall.

New D. C. Traffic Laws Go to House This Week

The subcommittee on traffic of the House District Committee, of which Representative Frederick N. Zihlman, of Maryland, is chairman, expects to report its draft of new traffic legislation to the full committee by the end of next week. Mr. Zihlman said last night.

The committee at the present time is waiting on suggestions and memoranda being prepared by Commissioner Brownlow and Assistant Corporation Counsel Hart relative to enforcement of the proposed traffic law.

LOANS HORNING
Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry
South End of Highway Bridge

TAX COLLECTOR PRINCE QUILTS

Will Be Vice President and Treasurer of Finance Corporation.

Ben L. Prince, collector of taxes for the District since April 1, 1914, resigned yesterday to become the vice president and treasurer of the International Finance Corporation, with offices in this city.

Chatham M. Towers, deputy collector of taxes, was appointed by Commissioner Brownlow to fill the vacancy a few minutes after Prince's letter of resignation was received.

Prince's resignation was not a surprise to high officials of the District government, but was widely commented upon throughout the city.

In his letter, Prince asked that his resignation take effect May 20. He came to Washington from Texas in 1907, and was employed at the Capitol until his appointment to the District office. He is 39 years old.

Towers is 48 years old and has been in the District service for twenty-five years. He has lived in Washington since early childhood.

OVERRULES HUGHES' PLEA FOR MINERS

Indianapolis, May 7.—Judge A. B. Anderson in the U. S. district court today overruled a plea in abatement filed by Charles Evans Hughes as chief counsel for the defense in the government's case against 125 coal men indicted on charges of violating the Lever Act.

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Man Who Collected Taxes Since 1914



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Collector of taxes for the District since 1914, who resigned yesterday. He is succeeded by Chatham M. Towers, deputy collector.

Records Show Nature Balances War Losses

London, May 7.—As after all previous wars, nature appears to be again busy restoring the population of European countries to normal and counterbalancing the excess of women caused by the war's human losses.

The year's birth rate figures in London show an enormous increase in the number of new-born boys. A record was reached in April, when 5,245 boys were born as against 4,595 girls.

WELFARE MEN CONVENE HERE

Sociological Congress to Open Session in Metropolitan M. E. Church.

"Woman's Work as a Citizen in a Democracy" will be the subject of the opening session of the Southern Sociological Congress at the Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church tomorrow.

The convention will open tomorrow at 2 p. m. with an address of welcome by Dr. Clarence J. Owens, president of the Southern Society of Washington and director general of the Southern Commercial Congress.

Mrs. J. D. Wilkinson, of Shreveport, La., will deliver the principal address. Other speakers at the initial session will be: Bishop Theodore D. Bratton, of Jackson, Miss., president of the Southern Sociological Congress, and Dr. Samuel D. Mitchell, president of Delaware College.

Dr. Samuel Z. Batten, a leading churchman, of Philadelphia; Dr. Livingston Farrand, chairman of the executive committee of the American Red Cross; Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, and Surgeon General Hugh S. Cummings. Commissioner Louis Brownlow will preside.

Cousins Claim \$125,000 Estate.
Frederick, Md., May 7.—Claiming that they are first cousins of John Cronise, who died intestate, leaving an estate of \$125,000, petition has been filed in the Circuit Court by Mary Jane Bitler, Margaret E. Crum, Julia Derr and Jacob Derr, her husband; Frederick and Laura Barrick and Frederick A. Barrick, asking three-eighths interest. Judge Glenn H. Worthington ordered a suspension of sale by the trustees.

RETIRE POLICE MAY GET RAISE

House Committee Hears Plea of Old-Time Cops And Fire Fighters.

Increased pensions for veterans of the Fire and Police Departments, to put them on a par with pensions under the recent law raising salaries of policemen and firemen, were requested in hearings yesterday morning before the House District Committee by Francis H. Stephens, Corporation Counsel, and a number of retired fire fighters and policemen.

Stephens was called to give a list of the old pensioners and was asked to explain the practical workings of the law.

He said the pensions are small in comparison with the high cost of living and the sufficiency of a pension depends upon what else the man can earn.

Stephens called particular attention to the small allowances granted widows of firemen and policemen under the present law. They only get \$35 a month, he said, with an additional \$10 for children under 16 but with a maximum limit of \$50.

Among those appearing in favor of the James bill to equalize the pensions, were Capt. J. Walter Mitchell, Capt. George Boyd and David Langley.

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Nut Butter
Per Lb. **35c**

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1-lb. Carton. .25c
Bulk, per lb. . .26c

JELKE'S GOOD LUCK
Per Lb. **43c**

Silver Label PEAS
Can. **12½c**

Waldorf Toilet Paper Per Roll **7c**

Karo Syrup 1 1-2 Lb. Can **12½c**

PRUNES 90 to 160 size, Per Lb., **12½c**

Shriver's Cut Stringless Beans Per Can **10c**

BLUE RIDGE CORN Per Can **12½c**

STAR SOAP, 5 Cakes for 37c

Crisco A BIG SPECIAL For This Entire Week

1-lb. Can - - 28c 1 1-2-lb. Can - 42c
3-lb. Can - - 84c 6-lb. Can - \$1.68

Fresh EGGS, 2 Dozen for 95c

3,200 SMALL SIZE SMOKED SHOULDERS
Sizes Run About 4 to 5 Pounds Each
Our sale of fine Hams met with such popular approval that we have decided on this extraordinary offering for this week-end sale. One of these fancy small Smoked Shoulders is just the thing in the meat line that great numbers of our friends will appreciate.
Today, Fancy Smoked Shoulders,
Per Lb. **23c**

FRESH MILK
One Pint **7c** One Quart **14c**
A Bottle Required in Exchange for Each One Taken Out

Two Big Offerings in Vegetables
FINE TEXAS **ONIONS** Known as Texas Bermudas
FANCY QUALITY **YAMS**
Our Price, Per Lb. **6c**

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